

"Claims:

1. A telescopic construction comprising:
an outer member;
an inner member slidably fitting in the outer member;

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a shear ring mounted on at least either an inner circumferential surface of the outer member or an outer circumferential surface of the inner member,

wherein a shear permissive projection is provided
10 on the shear ring,

a groove is provided in at least either the inner circumferential surface of the outer member or the outer circumferential surface of the inner member; and

wherein the shear permissive projection is in
15 engagement with the groove.

2. The telescopic construction as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising:

a metallic ring which fits on either an outer
20 circumferential side or an inner circumferential side of the shear ring,

wherein the shear ring contains a synthetic resin.

3. The telescopic construction as set forth in Claim
25 1, wherein the shear ring is divided in a circumferential

direction thereof.

4. An automotive steering column apparatus comprising:
an inner column rotatably supporting a steering
5 shaft;

an outer column holding the inner column while
rotatably embracing the inner column;

a vehicle body side bracket having a vehicle body
mount portion which can be mounted on a vehicle body and
10 a pair of left and right facing flat plate portions which
extend substantially vertically and disposed in such a
manner as to surround the outer column;

a clamping mechanism for changing a width of the
pair of facing flat plate portions and changing a width
15 of an inner circumferential surface of the outer column
in connection with a change in the width of the pair of
facing flat portions; and

a shear ring mounted on at least either the inner
circumferential surface of the outer column or an outer
20 circumferential surface of the inner column,

wherein a shear permissive projection is provided
on the shear ring,

a groove is formed in at least either the inner
circumferential surface of the outer column or the outer
25 circumferential surface of the inner column, and

" the shear permissive projection is in engagement with the groove.

5. The automotive steering column apparatus as set forth in Claim 4, further comprising:

a metallic ring which fits on either an outer circumferential side or an inner circumferential side of the shear ring,

wherein the shear ring contains a synthetic resin.

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6. The automotive steering column apparatus as set forth in Claim 4, wherein the shear ring is divided in a circumferential direction thereof.